

October 14, 2009

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

An issue is now before you that directly impacts U.S. economic competitiveness, as well as efforts in Greater Wilmington, North Carolina to create and retain telecommunications jobs and spur technology-related investment.

I am concerned that the FCC's upcoming announcement on "Net Neutrality" will spur adverse economic consequences for the wireless industry and those whose jobs depend on its continued growth and vitality. Since 2004, for example, our region has been home to a 2,000-employee Verizon Wireless call center. AT&T Corp. has just completed a massive new investment in 3G service across our region, which is a mix of urban, suburban and rural communities. These and other investments in communications capacity were based on an expectation of a vibrant market for exciting innovations that enhance business and personal productivity and offer affordable communications solutions that enhance convenience and safety for consumers.

Additional regulations under consideration, aside from being unneeded, will hamstring one of the nation's most forward-looking industries. New regulations will retard investment in new capacity and cost our community jobs, just as we struggle to recover from painful economic dislocation stemming from the flight of manufacturing employment to offshore destinations. An unrestrained marketplace for wireless telecommunications products and services is an *opportunity* for American business and society to embrace – not a challenge for government to minimize.

I encourage you to reject proposed new regulations. Adopt instead policies reducing unnecessary regulation on an industry that, while vital to Greater Wilmington's economy, is also key to the ability of American commerce to compete in today's dynamic global marketplace.

Sincerely,


Scott Satterfield
CEO

cc: Hon. Richard Burr, U.S. Senate
Hon. Kay Hagan, U.S. Senate
Hon. Mike McIntyre, U.S. House